(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The Delhi Traffic Police as well as Transport Department, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi carry out regular prosecution to discipline the crew of those private buses found indulging in rash and negligent driving. Delhi Police prosecuted 50,883 drivers of buses under private operation for rash and negligent driving during 1992. The Transport Department, Delhi has created a round-the-clock Complaint Cell to register any complaint against buses plying under STA permits. In addition, Delhi Traffic Police have taken the following steps :

1. Strict and rigid enforcement of traffic rules and regulations.

2. Special mobile checking and prosecution through modem equipments.

3. Special road safety lectures.

4. Cancellation of permits if indulged in 3 or more challans.

Modernisation of Shipping Corporation of India

1962. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) proposes to expand and modernise its fleet; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(to) The Shipping Corporation of India has a programme for expansion and modernisation of its fleet as also diversification into specialised areas through acquisition of 75 vessels aggregating 2.8 million DWT during the 8th Plan period.

Losses incurred by D.T.C.

1963. SHRI ANANT RAM IAISWAL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Transport Corporation has been incurring losses for the last several years, whereas the private operators in general, having the same fare structure as charged in the D.T.C. buses have been earning profits;

(b) whether the 'Red line bus' service plying on the roads of Delhi are operating on the principle of 'one owner-one bus';

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to allow one owner to run more than one bus to make this service a success as also to provide more convenience to the public; if so, by when; and

(e) what are the schemes formulated by Government to make public transport system more efficient and to enable it to come out of losses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) It is a fact that Delhi Transport Corporation has been incurring losses for the last several years. Government have no information on economics of operation by the private operators.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It was so decided by the State Transport Authority, Delhi so that more persons could be granted permits.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Government are finalising an inter-connected package for the rehabilitation of Delhi Transport Corporation in order to ensure its long term viability. The main suggestions under consideration are :—

1. Reduction of surplus man-power;

2. Rationalising size of Delhi Transport Corporation to 3500 buses;

3. Withdrawal from loss making I routes;

4. Capital restructuring of DTC;

5. Reimbursement by Government of the losses incurred on account of concessional passes;

6. Commercial development of land of DTC's depot;

7. Improved efficiency of operations by lowering cost through better fleet utilisation and improved maintenance practices.